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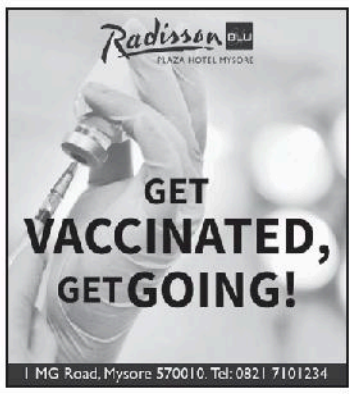

Mass Vaccination begins in colleges

MP Pratap Simha seen after inaugurating vaccination drive at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering in city this morning. Picture left shows students undergoing RT-PCR test.

Mysuru, June 28 (RKB&BCT)- Educational institutions and the District Administration are planning to vaccinate as many students in the eligible age group as possible before colleges reopen for physical classes. Since the eligible age for vaccination is currently 18 and above, this will benefit both under-graduate and post-graduate students as most of them are in 18-23 age bracket.

The State Government has communicated to all districts and Department of Health and Family Welfare to ensure that maximum number of students and staff are vaccinated from today. As part of the strategy, the vaccination drive for college students began in Mysuru this morning — both in city limits and taluk centres. In addition to students of degree, engineering and paramedical colleges, diploma and ITI students will also be vaccinated along with teachers and non-teaching staff. Vaccination will be taken up in select educational institutions which students can attend with their college ID and Aadhaar cards.

(See VACCINATION on page 7)

- **Target for 1 week:** 1.50 lakh students, teachers and non-teaching staff
- Vaccinating 18-44 age group takes a back seat now till fresh stocks arrive
- In Mysuru district, 12 lakh get jabs till now; 51 lakh yet to receive doses

Lack of passengers as KSRTC resumes inter-district service

- Only 100 city buses allowed to ply today
- No inter-State service for now

Mysuru, June 28 (MTY&KS)- The Sub-Urban and City Bus Stands witnessed poor passenger traffic as the Mysuru City and Rural Divisions of KSRTC resumed its services this morning after a gap of two months.

The KSRTC had suspended its services (both city and rural) on Apr. 28, following COVID induced lockdown in the district.

As the COVID positivity rate has reduced, the Government had announced Unlock 2.0 following which KSRTC authorities had announced the resumption of inter-city and inter-district bus services from today morning. However, inter-State service is yet to commence.

(See KSRTC on page 7)

SSLC exams on July 19, 22

Each subject will have 120 objective type questions; 40 pass mark

Bengaluru, June 28 (KMS& BCT) - Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has announced the dates for the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) or Class 10 Board Examination 2021. The examination is scheduled to be conducted on July 19 and July 22 at various centres spread across the State.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar made this announcement in Bengaluru this noon after holding video-conference with Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, officers of Education and Health, Treasury and Zilla Panchayat of all the districts.

On July 19, the examination will be held for the core subjects Maths, Science, and Social Science while on July 22, the examination will be held for languages — Kannada, English, Hindi, etc. from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.

"This year, more than 8,76,581 students have registered to appear for the SSLC examination and the test will be conducted in 76,066 rooms instead of 48,000 in the previous year," he said.

(See SSLC on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 28th June 2021

Five manufacturers expected to deliver 180 crore vaccine doses by year end: Centre tells SC

New Delhi, June 28- The Centre has told the Supreme Court that it expects to get around 188 crore vaccine doses — from at least five manufacturers — to inoculate the entire adult population by the end of the year. Only about 5.6 percent of India's adult population has received two doses, according to the Government.

"Total population — above 18 years of age — is approximately 93 crore to 94 crore. As such, administering two doses to these beneficiaries would require an estimated 186 to 188 crore vaccine doses. Out of this requirement, 51.6 crore doses will be made available for administration by July 31, leaving a requirement of approximately 135 crore vaccine doses for complete vaccination to the eligible population," the Centre said in an affidavit filed by Manohar Agnani, Additional Secretary, Health Ministry.

In its 375-page affidavit, filed in response to SC's pointed questions on its vaccine policy, the Centre presented a roadmap on how it plans to procure the remaining 135 crore doses.

"Sputnik V vaccine, developed by Gamaleya Institute, Russia, has received Emergency Use Authorisation by the DCGI in April 2021 and is now being administered in India," it said.

In addition, vaccines from domestic pharmaceutical companies Biological E and Zydus Cadila are in late stages of clinical trials and subject to regulatory approvals, it said. Zydus Cadila is working on a vaccine for 12-18 years of age and a vaccine for the age group will be available soon, the Government said.

Walk-in vaccinations have been allowed for all ages and the digital divide is not a constraint for access to vaccines anymore, it added.

"Till June 25, 31 crore vaccine doses have been administrated across the country. CoWIN platform registration is not mandatory, people in rural areas can visit the nearest vaccination centre to get vaccinated. About 56.24 percent of the rural population has taken the jabs, it said.

Calling its vaccination policy dynamic and not static, the Centre said COVID-19 shots are now free for all above 18 years under the new policy in effect since June 21. The 375-page affidavit was presented in response to SC's pointed questions on its vaccine policy. SC will examine the affidavit on June 30.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Brands and their managers might just have to rethink their actions and their endorsers with a hand on their heart, wherever that is. Firstly, are brands saying the right things to their customers? Is messaging that is going out totally loaded with the truth and nothing but the embellished truth? Brands need to also have a finger on the ever-changing pulse of their customers. They need to read their consumers better and faster than stars and brand endorsers read their mind and mood. Brand endorsers will progressively think of the good of the consumers (fans in this case) rather than the good of the brand they are endorsing, or not.

I do believe brands that are in what I define to be "socially ostracised categories" (alcohol, tobacco, high fat, high sugar and high salt for a start), will not get stars to endorse them in the near future. Brands in these categories might as well draw out their own mascots and build them to be their brand endorsers into the near and distant future. A 'Fido Dido' or a 'Gattu' cannot go to a press conference and de-endorse a brand for sure. We are entering a very exciting age of consumerism and brands ahead. An age where everyone will think of the good of all, as opposed to the good of a few. Hopefully. — *Harish Bijoor in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Chain saves relationship for 123 days?!

Odesa: A young Ukrainian couple, who had made international news headlines after chaining their hands together on Valentine's Day, as a last ditch effort to save their relationship, split up as soon as the chain came off their hands.

In February, Alexander Kudlay, a 33-year-old car salesman, and 29-year-old beautician Viktoria Pustovitova shocked the world when they filmed themselves getting chained together with an actual chain. The chain was welded shut under the supervision of a representative of the country's national register of records, who also added a seal to the chain to make sure they don't cheat. The plan was to go three months with their hands chained together, which meant sharing bathroom breaks and showers, not to mention planning their day so that both could get stuff done. Few thought they could last three months, but they proved everyone wrong.

He is earliest known shark attack victim

Tsukumo: Archaeologists have recreated the brutal death of the earliest known shark attack victim who was killed around 3,000 years ago.

Oxford-led researchers have been investigating evidence for violent trauma on the skeletal remains of prehistoric hunter-gatherers at Kyoto University. Alyssa White and Professor Rick Schulting reviewed the remains of a man riddled with traumatic injuries from the previously excavated site of Tsukumo by the Seto Inland Sea.

In their report, the pair said: "We were initially flummoxed by what could have caused at least 790 deep, serrated injuries to this man. There were so many injuries and yet he was buried in the community burial ground. The injuries were mainly confined to the arms, legs, and front of the chest and abdomen." "We ruled out human conflict and reported animal predators or scavengers," they added.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Junk foods are rich in trans fatty acids, sugar, sodium and salt in addition to other harmful substances(like monosodium ,aspartates, nitrosamines etc) which makes them highly unhealthy. They are tasty , induces lot of craving which makes it difficult to stop consuming.

So it is better to keep our children away from junk foods.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 26	JUNE 27
Day's Positive Cases	647	478
Total Positive Cases	1,65,032	1,65,510
Day's Discharges	545	660
Total Discharges	1,58,052	1,58,712
Day's Deaths	22	15
Total Deaths	2,130	2,145
Total Active Cases	4,850	4,653

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

SATS: Marks to be uploaded again

Mysuru, June 28- The Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) Director has instructed Pre-University Deputy Directors (PUDDs) to monitor and complete the marks uploading process onto the **Student Achievement Tracking System (SATS) portal,** taken up by senior officials, before June 30.

The marks scored by CBSE and ICSE registered students, which had been uploaded to SATS, has now been lost and hence should be uploaded again. In case of any technical difficulties, he has instructed College Principals to contact Latha of Belagavi Division (96062-32423), Sharath Kumar of Kalaburagi Division (72594-03487), Shafeeq Ahmad of Bengaluru (95380-19046) and Ummehani of Mysuru (95380-04883).

REALLY...?

- ***Brazil is named after a tree.***
- ***Brazil covers 50% of the South American continent.***
- ***Brazil borders every country in South America except Chile and Ecuador.***
- ***Hilton was the first international hotel chain.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

If a paper comes very tough in an exam, just close your eyes for a moment, take a deep breath and say loudly: "This is a very interesting subject; I want to study it again !!??"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.20
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.35
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.20
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.60

VOICE OF THE READER

Install alarms to prevent water overflow

Sir,

It is speculated that a third world war would be waged for the water with declining groundwater resources, unable to meet the requirements of the ever-growing human population. It is all the more a scary prospect and heading towards a doom.

Water is precious — we all know that, but how much do we value its preciousness? We are so reckless with its usage — be it any of our habits which we get to watch once we stroll in our neighbourhood, be it to wash our vehicles or cleaning our front yards as part of our cultural practice. Water keeps flowing freely through the hose pipes or end up using plenty to finish those rituals.

What is appalling nowadays is the overflowing of the overhead water tanks. Everyday it happens in almost all the households and the commercial establishments and one can only imagine the huge amounts in which the wastage happens.

Is it not time for the administration to take up a stringent law to install an alarm mandatorily in every house and establishments to stop water form overflowing into the streets and drains? I guess at least 5 to 10 litres of precious water gets wasted before turning off the water pump and if somebody is callous, it would be another tankfill of water or even more sometimes.

If this is the state of one house, we can calculate the amount of water wastage from about lakhs of households and other establishments in Mysuru itself.

My request is to bring this as a law and to be followed up strictly by the District Administration or Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and let our city be a model city towards that goal of conservation of the precious lifeline of health — WATER.

—Dr. M.S. Narendra Kumar
on e-mail

Mysuru
25.6.2021

Except Mysuru, all Courts commence hearing from today

Bengaluru, June 28 - Except Mysuru District and High Court Benches, all District and Taluk Courts have commenced their proceedings from today by following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Mysuru District Court

According to the partial modification to the existing SOP dated May 21, 2021 which will be in effect from June 28, 2021, applicable to all District and Trial Courts except all Courts in Mysuru District, each Court shall list 30 cases per day —15 (fifteen) cases in the forenoon session and 15 cases in the afternoon session — by preparing separate cause lists for the morning and afternoon sessions in order to reduce the footfall of Advocates at a time in the Court Halls and Court premises.

To the rest of the cases, dates shall be assigned by use of auto-dating option. While fixing the cases, priority shall be given to hearing of interlocutory applications, hearing of final oral arguments and recording of evidence in part-heard civil and criminal cases.

It will be also open for the Courts to fix criminal and civil cases for recording of evidence subject to compliance of various conditions incorporated in this Standard Operating Procedure. The ceiling of 30 cases will not apply to bail petitions.

As far as possible, the Courts may avoid deciding cases in absence of Advocates. However, if an Advocate representing a party remains absent on the date fixed for hearing, the Court may in its discretion issue Court notice to the party whose Advocate is absent calling upon the party to ensure that his/her Advocate is present on the next date. Courts are permitted to record evidence of a maximum five witnesses per day.

As far as possible, in the cases of accused in jail, their statements under Section 313 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, shall be recorded only through video-conferencing. No witness shall be allowed to enter the Court complex, unless he/she produces a witness summons or a copy of order of the Court issued to him/her calling upon him/her to remain present, are among other SOPs issued.

Making a Will in the time of Pandemic

MGP holds online meet to create awareness on making a Will; discusses its benefits with expert

Prof. Suresh

Mysuru, June 28 (BCT)- The COVID-19 crisis has heightened economic and financial uncertainty. Of late there are reports that there is a spike in the number of people drawing up their Will, an important task that one might otherwise ignore. A Will is a declaration of how a person wishes his or her property be distributed after death.

Legal experts say that writing a Will is an important task that should be on the immediate to-do list and the sooner one has a succession plan in place, the better. In the absence of a Will, assets a person has accumulated over a lifetime can become a point of conflict among loved ones and relatives.

City-based NGO Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) recently conducted a virtual awareness programme on registering a Will where it was highlighted that absence of a Will can lead to confusion among legal heirs, resulting in bad blood among family members.

"To prevent your heirs getting into a protracted legal tussle to claim their share of the property you'll leave them, a Will is important. The document spells out how your property and wealth would be handled and allocated to your legal heirs. It will also protect your spouse, children and immediate family legally from problematic claims by other family members," said **Prof. K.S. Suresh, retired Principal and Chief Executive of JSS Law College, Mysuru,** who spoke at the MGP meeting on the topic 'Succession of Property'.

Two witnesses needed

Some of the points that were brought out by Prof. Suresh were as per the Indian Succession Act, a Will is a declaration by an individual in the direction of the division of his property to anybody he likes after his death. The Will can be on a stamp paper, duly registered in a court or even a handwritten declaration on a plain paper duly witnessed by two persons known to the person writing the Will.

"The Will should contain about the division of his ancestral property or a self-earned property to the legal heirs of his choice apart from the Bank deposits assigned to the nominee of his choice. Liabilities cannot be a part of the Will," he said. "Registration of a Will is important as it establishes the *bona fides* and puts to rest any controversy regarding fraud, undue influence, breach of trust, among others, as the Sub-Registrar of Assurances is expected to follow a due process," he added.

Declaration of mental soundness

If the death occurs without any Will written, it is called dying intestate and so many legal procedures have to be followed to claim successors through courts when unknown members hitherto come out demanding their claim. "The Will can be written by the owner of the property in favour of anybody he/she desires and need not be a family member, provided it is self-earned. The Will should start with a declaration of soundness of mind of the maker and a minor or a mentally unstable person cannot make a Will," Prof. Suresh said.

"One of the advantages of having a Will is that you can always revise it as many times as you want and you could also add or subtract legal heirs from it. However, do remember, minor changes in a registered Will can be done through supplementary statements. Major changes would require creating a new Will that would supersede the previous version. It is important to note that mentioning dates in each Will is important to establish how recent it is," he noted.

Once the assets are distributed as per the Will, the beneficiary may need to obtain a probate, especially if the Will includes bequeathing of immovable assets. It can be obtained from the court by paying the applicable fees. Once you acquired, challenging the Will would become difficult, he added. Also, do inform immediate family members about your Will so that they know it exists and should be referred to and enforced after your death.

MGP President Dr. Shivamurthy, Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan, K.V. Ramanath, S.V. Raghavendra, Aswathanarayan, Dr. T.N. Manjunath, Sreemathi Hariprasad, Vasanthkumar Mysoremath, Suresh Nayak, Lakshukumar, Venkatesh Kharidi and Prof. B.S. Shankara attending the meeting.

Delta Plus strain calls for urgent measures, vaccination: WHO Rep

Moscow, June 28 (UNI) - Vaccination and safety measures such as wearing face masks are essential when it comes to fighting the Delta Plus Coronavirus variant, World Health Organisation (WHO) Representative to Russia, Melita Vujnovic said.

"Vaccination plus masks, because just a vaccine is not enough with 'Delta.' We need to make an effort over a short period of time, otherwise there would be a lockdown," Vujnovic said on the Soloviev Live YouTube show.

She explained that vaccination is essential because it lowers the probability of spreading the virus and lowers the risks of severe disease. However, "additional measures" will probably be required as well, Vujnovic warned.

Earlier this month, the WHO included the Delta variant in its list of Coronavirus variants of concern as the strain had become prevalent and has caused a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in some countries, including Russia. India has also reported multiple cases of the Delta Plus strain, which was first discovered in March.

Earlier this week, the first death associated with the Delta Plus variant was reported in India's Central State of Madhya Pradesh. The COVID-19 patient was not vaccinated.

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0821 - 2957711

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94498 - 41196
0821 - 2418800

Telecare
2420112/113
0821 - 2330803
0821 - 2331803

MANDYA
08232 - 224248

District War Room
08232 - 229393

Maddur Taluk
08232 - 232010

Malavalli Taluk
08231 - 242277

Srirangapatna Taluk
08236 - 252029

Pandavapura Taluk
08236 - 255128

Nagamangala Taluk
08234 - 285045

K.R. Pet Taluk
08230 - 262227

KODAGU

COVID Hospital
08272 - 220606

District Helpline
08272 - 221077

Madikeri
08272 - 228396

Virajpet / Ponnampet
08274 - 256328

Somarpet
08276 - 282045

CH'NAGAR
95386-74839
1077

Kollegal Taluk
08224 - 252046

Gundlupet Taluk
08229 - 222225

Yelandur Taluk
08226 - 240029

Hanur Taluk
08224 - 268032

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K.T. Street dealers seek permission to conduct business

Cops tell traders to approach Govt. through DC

Mysuru, June 28 (RK&KS)- Tension prevailed for some time on K.T. Street here this morning as nearly 150 garments and electric home appliances dealers assembled near Dasaprakash Hotel Circle seeking permission to allow them to conduct business.

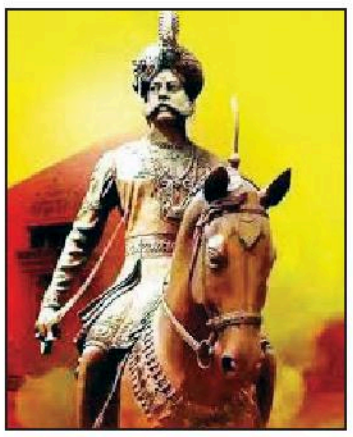
Following partial relaxation of COVID guidelines, the District Administration has allowed opening of shops selling essential items including shops selling construction related materials such as electrical items etc. from 6 am to 2 pm till July 5.

But traders of readymade garments and electric and electronic home appliances, who had closed the shops following COVID-induced lockdown, gathered near Dasaprakash Hotel Circle this morning seeking permission from the Police personnel to allow them to conduct business. They told the Police personnel that they too have suffered loses following closure of shops and as electric shops have been allowed to conduct business, they too must be allowed to do business.

Lashkar Inspector Suresh Kumar, Devaraja Inspector Diwakar and Devaraja Traffic Inspector Muniyappa, who arrived at the spot, told the traders that they do not make the rules and they are only enforcing the strict implementation of the laws and rules issued by the State Government and the District Administration.

They told the traders that they have to seek permission from the Government through the Deputy Commissioner and dispersed the crowd. Additional Police have been deployed on K.T. Street to implement the guidelines.

Kempegowda's statue to be installed at B'luru Airport by February-March 2022



Ramanagara, June 28 (UNI)- Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan on Sunday said that a 108-feet statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda at the International Airport at Devanahalli will be the centrepiece of a 23-acre Central Park by February-March 2022.

Speaking on the occasion of the 512th Jayanthi celebrations here yesterday, he said that the Rs. 78-crore project executed by the Kempegowda Development Authority will be completed by February or March. Once completed, the Kempegowda International Airport authority will maintain the Park and the statue.

The Dy.CM stated that the project is not being done with an aim to compete with others, adding that the height of the statue, of 108-feet was decided for technical reasons. "It is our Government's intention to construct this Memorial to remember and create awareness about the visionary Kempegowda, who founded Bengaluru 500 years ago and made it accommodative for all castes and religions," he said.

The Dy.CM said that the Government will develop Kempapura in Magadi taluk (Ramangara district) where Kempegowda's tomb exists as a historical destination.

An entire village will be developed in the name of Kempegowda and will be converted into an all-season tourist centre, he said adding that Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnataka) Limited (iDeCK) is already working on the design to develop the village and the burial place of Kempegowda. Besides Kempapura, Avathi, Shivagange, Bengaluru, Magadi and other places wherever Kempegowda had worked will be comprehensively developed, the Dy.CM said.

Chief Minister releases postal stamp on Nadaprabhu

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa releasing special postal cover at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday on the occasion of Kempegowda Jayanthi as Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and others look on.

Bengaluru, June 28 (UNI)- On the occasion of the 512th birth anniversary of the Founder of Bengaluru, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, Chief Minister (CM) B.S. Yediyurappa released a postal stamp on Kempegowda at an event held at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha yesterday.

Later, Deputy Chief Minister (Dy.CM) Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan addressed the gathering and said, "Last year, during the 511th birth anniversary of Kempegowda, CM Yediyurappa had laid the foundation stone for the erection of the 108-feet statue of Kempegowda and the creation of Central Park which will be spread over 23 acres, at Bengaluru International Airport premises. The statue would have been erected by now but has been delayed due to COVID. This will happen by coming February or March."

Dy.CM Govinda Karajola, Minister Gopalaiah, MLAs Munirathna, Manjunath, Rizwan Arshad, H.R. Vishwanath, MP P.C. Mohan, Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Sri Siddalinga Swamiji of Siddaganga Mutt, Nanjavadhuta Swamiji and others were present during the occasion.

Chamarajanagar oxygen shortage deaths

Not an accident but murder, says KPCC Chief Shivakumar

KPCC provides Rs. 1 lakh relief to all 36 dependent families of victims

Chamarajanagar, June 28 (SS&BCT)- Slamming the State Government over the incident of oxygen shortage at Chamarajanagar District COVID Hospital last month where 36 people died gasping for breath, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar alleged that the tragedy was not an accident but a murder and the State Government was responsible for it.

"Murder cases must be booked against officers responsible. While the Government initially said that only three people died, we discovered that 28 had passed away due to oxygen shortage here. Later it came to light that 36 patients died. These are not deaths by accident, but murders committed by the Government. No action has been taken regarding these murders," he said speaking to reporters yesterday after a day-long visit to the homes of the victims' families.

Also, the COVID Monitoring Committee of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) submitted a report to the High Court stating that the toll in tragedy might have been 36, and not 24, he noted.

The hospital authorities have declared the death of 62 persons between 4.5.2021 and 10.5.2021 (till 6.15 am). Out of them, at least 36 persons were shown to be in-patients as on 2.5.2021. The death of these 36 in-patients could be attributed to the non-availability of oxygen supply during the night of 2.5.2021 and early hours of 3.5.2021, the Committee led by former HC Judge Justice A.N. Venugopala Gowda noted.

KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar during his day-long visit to the houses of the victims' families in Chamarajanagar to handover compensation cheques yesterday.

CM afraid of losing seat

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had avoided visiting Chamarajanagar as he was afraid of losing his seat. I feel that Yediyurappa should have visited the district and consoled the families. Since no one from the Government visited the families, the Congress has decided to go to people in grief, he said.

"Based on an intelligence report that people's outrage could lead to tension and revolt, the CM had skipped visiting Chamarajanagar. This is also in line keeping with the legendary jinx that whichever CM visits the district, loses power. The Government knows that the public opinion is against it for its mis-handling of the pandemic. People have lost faith in the Government as it has failed to act against any officer for the oxygen tragedy," he said.

Rs. 1 lakh relief

Shivakumar said that Congress has distributed Rs. 1 lakh as aid to the families of deceased, who lost their life due to oxygen shortage at the hospital.

"As the KPCC President, I am meeting the families of all 36 victims today. I looked forward to the Government meeting them, but they did not meet. We were forced to come here seeing their distressing condition, and to provide them relief from the party," he added.

"Even if the CM could not make it, why didn't the Ministers come and meet these families? Realising the responsibility of the Opposition, we have done a lot to reassure these people. I have utmost respect for the people of the State and for the Karnataka High Court. The relief of Rs. 2 lakh was only paid by the Government after the High Court forced it to do so," he claimed.

Yediyurappa may be from Shivamogga, but he should not forget that he is Chief Minister of the entire State. He should feel ashamed of himself for not consoling the families of the 36 victims. He said the BJP Government paid Rs. 2 lakh compensation to the families whereas the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh distributed Rs. 10 lakh compensation each to the oxygen shortage victims, the Congress leader said.

Death audit

"The Government is clearly telling lies about COVID deaths. 3,27,975 people have died due to COVID between Jan. 1 and June 13 in Karnataka this year and the Government has manipulated the figures to show it as 29,000. We will seek the death audit in the next Assembly Session," Shivakumar said.

KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, KPCC Women's Wing State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, MLAs R. Narendra, C. Puttarangashetty, MLC Dharmasena, former MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy and District Congress President P. Mariswamy accompanied the KPCC Chief.

Rising food prices

Vatal Nagaraj stages protest

Mysuru, June 28 (PM&SD)- Strongly condemning the Government over rising food prices, Kannada Chaluvali leader and former MLA Vatal Nagaraj staged protest near Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle) here yesterday.

Mocking the Government by selling vegetables on a cart, Vatal Nagaraj claimed that the prices of all commodities are increasing everyday, which has severely burdened the common man, who is already put to a lot of hardship due to COVID-19 lockdown.

He also urged the Government to either impose ban on sale of liquor or decrease its price.

Protest against Kerala

Vatal Nagaraj also warned of protest against Kerala Government if Kannada names of the villages in Kasaragodu district are changed to Malayalam language names.

Gold chain snatched

Mysuru, June 28 (MK&KS)- A bike-borne miscreant, in the guise of seeking an address, has snatched a gold chain of a woman at Lalitha Mahal Layout here last evening.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 50-year-old Manjula, a resident of the locality.

Manjula was standing in front of her house, when a person, who came on a bike, came near her in the pretext of asking an address and tried to snatch the gold chain she was wearing. As Manjula held on to her chain tightly, the chain got cut and the miscreant managed to snatch about 12 grams of the gold chain including the pendant and sped away.

Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

HDK appeals to Kerala Govt. not to change names of villages

H.D. Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, June 28 (UNI)- Former Chief Minister and Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) on Sunday appealed to the Kerala Government not to change the name of Manjeshwara and other villages. In a tweet, he said that the Kerala Government should preserve their original Kannada names.

He said, it has come to his notice that the Kerala Government has begun the process of changing the Kannada names of some of the villages there including Manjeshwara in Kasaragodu district.

"Before beginning the process of changing the name, I would like bring to the notice of the Kerala Government that Kasaragodu is also an area of Karnataka. Kasaragodu is a symbol of linguistic harmony. Though there are an equal number of Kannada and Malayalam speakers in Kasaragodu, they are living on a mutually supportive and inspirational basis. Also, they have never been confused about language. We need to maintain this in the future. In today's age of politics with feelings, it is imperative to maintain language cohesion. Thus, I feel that it is the duty of both the States to preserve the legacy of Kannadigas. I request the Government of Kerala to preserve the original name of the village as well," he added.

It may be mentioned here that JD(S) has won two Assembly seats in Kerala polls held in May.

Abracadabra...

Old is Gold

By K.B. Ganapathy

Watching a morning show

Film: Bhumika

Film: Ghata Shraddha

[Published on 2.5.1978]

Last Sunday, I decided to see Director Shyam Benegal's film. What was the name? Well, everybody thought that the name of the film was not important. What was important was the name of the Director.

So I, tucked along with my wife, went to the theatre. Of course, it was running as morning show at regular rates. I was informed, despite my knowing it, that all good, creative films run for only morning shows and all the 'falthu' films from Bombay run for the regular shows. Never mind. When I got into the theatre and the credits appeared, I discovered it to be 'Bhumika.' Half the film was in grey-tint, Benegal's way of depicting period. But that part looked dated. Perhaps, the Director wanted it to be so. Nothing original in this, but for Hindi films it is rather new as far as its effective application is concerned.

The story was inspired by the autobiography of a Marathi actress of yore. It was a sequence of events in her love life and family life. Naturally, many kinds of human, nay feminine sentiments, come to play significant roles. Love, lust, sense of security, creative urge, pride and what have you.

The editing of the film could have been a bit crisp to sustain the emotional content of the movie. Hence it drags at many points.

Anyway this is no movie for those who want to relax and entertain themselves on a Sunday. It is a film for critics.

— PUCK

Sitting beside Vyshali Kasaravalli

[Published on 3.5.1978]

When I heard about the impending wedding of the fledgeling Kannada actress Vyshali with the young film Director Girish Kasaravalli, who made it good in the first shot with 'Ghata Shraddha', I was thinking of the plump, coy, beautiful girl with a pair of expressive eyes sitting by my side along with her father Dr. Chitgopi at the Bangalore Town Hall last year.

I had met Dr. Chitgopi in Bombay where he had been on some filmy errand to meet Salim Javed. In Bangalore, it was a chance meeting through a common friend of ours. The function at the Town Hall was an Awards function. Some film journal had arranged it more for self-publicity than for promoting or encouraging film art or film artistes.

Well-known actors like Vishnuvardhan, Srinath, Kalyan Kumar, actress Bharathi and others were sitting in front of us. They were a noisy lot. Behaving childishly. I thought, however innocent it might be, it was no place to behave that way. In fact, all the actors and actresses fell into a group and started exchanging titters. Vyshali was quietly sitting by our side as her father and I were, naturally, discussing about films. It was then by accident Dr. Chitgopi mentioned that his daughter Vyshali too had won an award. I was surprised. In the first place I did not know she was an actress. Secondly, they were so modest they never revealed it all through. Immediately I congratulated her and pulled her up for being so very modest. That is the girl she is and that is the girl Girish married.

— PUCK

NOTE: *In the beginning Abracadabra columns did not carry a headline like in later days. For some years it only had a pen name 'PUCK' for its author.—Ed*

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Don't unlock in a hurry, expert panel tells Govt.

'Epidemiological investigation, contact tracing, genome sequencing need of the hour'

Bengaluru, June 28 (KMS& BCT)- Anticipating a further surge in the number of COVID Delta Plus cases in the coming days, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended a slew of measures to be taken immediately. It has also advised the Government not to hurry with relaxing the norms.

However, the State Government has not yet accepted the recommendations. Experts also said that there is no need to panic — but caution is necessary — and stressed on conducting adequate research into the variant. The TAC, which held a meeting on Saturday to discuss measures to contain Delta Plus, released its recommendations yesterday.

It said that the authorities must take immediate containment measures, prevent crowds, conduct widespread testing and increase vaccine coverage on priority in districts where the variant has been detected. Incidentally, Mysuru reported the first Delta Plus variant in Karnataka and also at present, there are three patients who are undergoing treatment.

Though the District Administration has clarified that there is no threat from the Delta Plus variant as the lone case was detected in May end, the underlying threat is evident as even Union Health Ministry has alerted about the Delta Plus variant in Mysuru and has also called for containment measures, widespread testing, prompt tracing as well as vaccine coverage on a priority basis.

'Do not allow large gatherings'

"The Government must postpone any decision to allow large gatherings. In the earlier waves, we have noticed that the surge in Karnataka has always occurred 2-4 weeks after the spurt in Maharashtra, Kerala and Delhi. Genome sequencing should be increased from 5 percent of samples to at least 20 percent to detect Variants of Concern (VOCs) early. Testing should be made mandatory for those coming in from neighbouring States."

— Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases

Epidemiological investigation

"After confirmation of the Delta Plus variant, a detailed epidemiological investigation shall be done by the district Rapid Response Team (RRT) under District Surveillance Officer (DSO) and the reports should be shared with the Deputy Commissioner, District Expert Committee and State COVID War Room," the TAC suggested.

"It takes one to two weeks to genome sequence the samples and as such, the district Rapid Response Team has to investigate the clinical status of COVID-positive person, whether he/she is admitted, under home isolation, recovered or died, etc. Also, they should find out if a COVID-negative test is warranted for such people after 14 days of recovery," said the TAC. The RRT teams must also verify whether all contacts of the person tested positive for the variant were identified and tested on day 0 to day 7.

Checks at borders, contact tracing

Neighbouring States — Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu — have reported over 50 cases of Delta Plus. These are not the total number of the Delta variants in these States but those found in the sequencing conducted. So, this is a matter of concern, the TAC observed asking the Government to heighten vigil at the borders, including contact tracing.

"Contact tracing should be done and RT-PCR conducted on all such patients' contacts and if tested positive, their samples too should be genome-sequenced. The TAC underlined the need for micro-planning and making reporting formats stringent at the State-level and then sharing it with districts for regular reporting.

An active Influenza-like illness (ILI) survey in the community — an entire village in rural areas and around 100-metre radius in urban areas — should be done urgently and all ILI cases should be tested with RT-PCR. "The State must step up epidemiological investigation of cluster cases along with concurrent genomic sequencing," the TAC has recommended.

KSRTC incurred losses of over Rs. 4,000 crore due to lockdown, strike: Laxman Savadi

Belagavi, June 28 (UNI) - Transport Department has incurred losses of over Rs. 4,000 crore in the last 15 months due to COVID-19 situation and employees' strike, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi said here on Saturday.

After the first wave of COVID-19, KSRTC staff went on strike and by the time it ended, the second wave of the pandemic struck, he told mediapersons.

Savadi, who also holds the Transport Ministry portfolio, said despite the Department suffering revenue losses, employees have been paid full salaries. Around Rs. 2,600 crore has been availed from the Government to meet financial demands, he said.

Currently, buses are allowed to run with 50 percent occupacy. "The revenue generated will not even meet the expenditure of fuel and salaries. We have to ask for money from the Government to pay salaries and it is unavoidable," he added.

Over Employee Unions threatening to go on strike after July 5, he said the Union leaders have assured they will not go on strike during these difficult times.

The Transport Minister claimed that during the discussions, Union leaders confessed that they had fallen prey to conspiracy which led to strike.

Heavy rains predicted from June 29 to July 1

Mangaluru, June 28 (UNI)- Meteorological Department has sounded a yellow alert for coastal districts as well as various other parts of Karnataka from June 29 to July 1 and has predicted heavy rains during the period.

Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts received good rainfall on Saturday. Meanwhile, the problem of sea erosion too has intensified in some places.

Kodagu district administration has issued yellow alert for more rains during the next three days.

Mass Vaccination in colleges

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Today, the drive was launched in city at NIE and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE). The students had to undergo mandatory RT-PCR test before vaccination. The drive was symbolically inaugurated and supervised for some time by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who said that the strategy was to inoculate all the students, teachers and other staffs before the offline mode of classes begin. District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad was also present.

A student being vaccinated at NIE in city this morning.

Good response

Notably, the drive to vaccinate over 1,900 students from both the institutions received good response with students flocking the counters with their Aadhaar Cards. At present, the Government has given a target to vaccinate 1.50 lakh students, teachers and non-teaching staff in Mysuru within one week. Instructions have been passed to colleges to co-ordinate with the Health Department to get their students, teachers and non-teaching staff vaccinated by at least July 15, said Health Department sources.

College sources told *Star of Mysore* that vaccination details will be sought by colleges on students' admission forms when the classes reopen — whether they have received the first dose, both doses or none. On their part, students including second and final-year will have to inform their institution about the vaccination status before they join physical classes, sources added.

Expressing happiness over getting priority in the jab drive, Arpitha, a student of VVCE told *SOM* that she is thrilled with the fact that soon, the colleges will be open. "It is not possible to perpetually continue with online classes. Vaccination will help us secure our careers and future too," she said.

VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, VV Sangha Secretary. P. Vishwanath. President Gundappa Gowda, NIE Principal N.V. Raghavendra, Placement Officer H. Diwakar, Public Relations Executive Shivajirao Gaekwad were present at their respective institutions.

No jabs for 18-44 now

As a special drive to inoculate college students began this morning, the vaccination process at Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres took a back-seat. Vaccines were administered to 18-44 groups only at a couple of private hospitals in city. Vaccine shortage is said to be the reason for this, reports said.

The District Health Office sources, however, denied that there is a vaccine shortage. "We have a stock of over 37,000 doses to vaccinate college students and more stocks are expected today. If fresh stocks arrive, we will begin vaccinating all between 18 and 44 age groups," an officer requesting anonymity told *SOM*. Now, the priority is college students, he added.

As per the data provided by the District Administration, till now, only 12,23,905 lakh people have been vaccinated in Mysuru District and over 51 lakh people above 18 years of age are yet to receive their doses.

Vaccination drive for above 18 years at Gopala Gowda Hospital

Mysuru, June 28 - Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital has started COVID vaccination drive for those above 18 years at its premises in Nazarbad in city.

Covishield will be administered between 10 am and 5 pm on all working days. Vaccination charges is Rs. 780 per dose as per the Govt's directive.

Walk-in to the Hospital or register through CoWIN Portal Aarogya Setu App. Carry your CoWIN registered mobile number and reference ID for validation. For details, call Ph: 0821-4001600 or Mob: 87489-94083.

SSLC exams on July 19, 22

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"Forty will be pass marks and all the questions will be of objective types with each subject having 120 questions. Admission tickets (hall tickets) will be given on June 29. Tickets will be sent to all logins of respective school head masters on June 29 and will be distributed to the students on June 30," he explained.

According to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), the examination hall including furniture and toilets will be sanitised daily by spraying disinfectant solution before and after the examination. In order to maintain the social distancing, only 12 students will be there in a single exam hall, and for each student, a desk will be allotted.

"Exam supervisors will have to wear N-95 masks and face shields if required. All COVID-infected students too can write exams and arrangements will be made to write exams from COVID Care Centres. In case a student falls sick during the exams, he/she will be seated separately to avoid contact with other students," the Minister said.

The SOP also directed the students not to gather at any time. For rural areas, SOP suggests that arrangements should be made while ensuring that the examination centres be created in such a way that students need not to go the taluk-level in order to appear for the examination. Section 144 will be imposed 200 metres surrounding examination halls.

PUC results and online classes

Second PUC results will be declared in July second week as per Supreme Court directives. Online classes across the State will begin from July 1 and as reported earlier, there are no plans to start offline classes now.

"Lessons will be taught in Doordarshan Chandana from July 1 and lessons will be available on Deeksha portal. A task force has been set up to study on Vidyagama initiative and submit a report and based on the report, a decision will be taken on reopening schools for physical classes," he added.

Lack of passengers at KSRTC bus stands

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Though it was to be a sigh of relief to bus commuters, who travel daily to various destinations for their work, passenger traffic at the bus stands was minimum this morning and the bus stand wore a deserted look.

There are a total of 650 buses in KSRTC Rural Division plying on 700 routes and the Government has allowed only 50 percent passengers in each bus. Standing of passengers has been banned and wearing face mask and maintaining social distancing has been made compulsory for every passenger.

Due to lack of passengers, drivers had to wait for 50 percent seating capacity to be filled. Even the frequency of buses to various destinations was delayed. For example, earlier, Bengaluru-Mysuru Non-Stop buses used to leave Sub-Urban Bus Stand every five minutes, but today, the buses took at least 15 to 20 minutes to be 50 percent filled and only then the buses departed.

There was lack of passengers travelling to other districts too. But once there were about 15 passengers, they were allowed to proceed by picking up passengers at other bus stops on its way to its destination.

KSRTC officials were heard making announcements through public address system at Sub-urban Bus Stand asking passengers to strictly follow the guidelines.

The passenger traffic at City Bus Stand too was minimal this morning. There are four City Bus Depots with a total of 432 buses plying on 375 city routes making 6,000 trips a day. But today, only 100 city buses have been permitted to ply to various city destinations.

The lack of passengers shows the fear of virus still in the minds of people. As there were no KSRTC services since Apr. 28, most bus commuters have been travelling in their own vehicles to various destinations for work. It is hoped that the passenger traffic may pick up in the days to come.

After each trip, every bus would be sprayed with disinfectants in both city and rural depots.

Drivers and conductors, who have received the first and second vaccine doses, will get first priority and a majority of them have taken the first dose and are waiting to receive the second dose.

It may be recalled that following the decision to resume KSRTC buses from today morning, the authorities had got the platforms, resting chairs and buses disinfected at Sub-Urban and City Bus Stands yesterday. Though bus services were suspended on Apr. 28, buses were regularly maintained by the mechanics to keep them in the good condition.

Digital lecture on Basaveshwara

Mysuru, June 28- As part of JSS Mahavidyapeetha's 'Jnana Varidhi,' a weekly online (virtual) lecture series, Sri Gurubasava Pattadevaru will deliver a talk on 'Basaveshwara: Andu-Indu' (Basaveshwara: Then-Now) at 6 pm today (June 28).

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. The talk can be accessed through: YouTube: http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline or Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP or Website: http://jssonline.org, according to a press release.

Crop Survey App released

Mysuru, June 28- Agriculture Department has launched farmer's crop survey mobile App for the year 2021-22 to collect crop details from farmers. The App can be downloaded by farmers to their smartphones to upload their crop details for the current early Kharif season. This data is linked to all agriculture schemes of the Government such as crop insurance. The App can be downloaded by typing 'Early Kharif Farmer Crop Survey 2021-22' on Google Play Store. For details, call Mob: 84484-47715.

Obituary

Vidyabai

Mysuru, June 28- Vidyabai (65), wife of Hirachandji of Kangtani Automobiles on Chamaraja Double Road and a resident of Halladakeri, passed away yesterday night in Bengaluru.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

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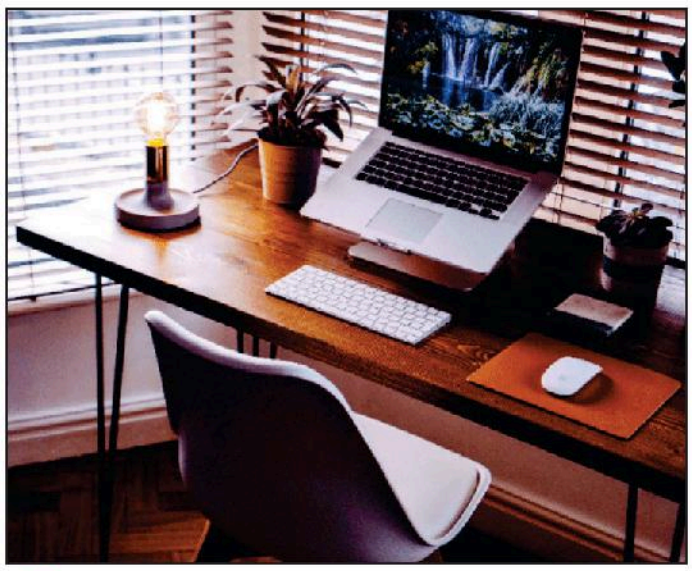
Workspace activation



In Feng Shui there are two primary natural forms which must be respected and utilised, water and mountains. In the analogy of the Tao, water is the Yang active principle and mountains carry the passive or Yin principle. The earth is criss-crossed with energy lines that are affected by virtually all geographical and topographical phenomena. This means that we are affected by our environment, and we in turn modify our environment by what we do within it.

Aligning the interiors and the furnishing alone ensures excellent Feng Shui when tuned with the compass directions and one can achieve a lot through these methods and proper alignments.

When we adapt the oriental science for designing new homes or a office, the primary concern is to get the space to be in tune with the occupants. In a office set up it does get tricky as it has to keep in mind many different individuals to be working from there. The location of the office is not normally something over which we have control but its internal layout can make a great difference to the way people feel and behave.

By adapting Feng Shui in office environment, energy movement is assisted and at the very least, the personal workspace could be cleared of accumulated “clutter”. The energy of an office could be dramatically improved if its occupants respond to each other in a positive way and co-operate with one another. Changes as simple as re-aligning the furniture, painting or moving in healthy plants are at times more than enough. Negativity breeds Negativity so forward planning and planning work programmes holistically, rather than a day-to-day basis will reduce stress.

Cramped working areas lead to cramped minds. We feel resentful if we constantly knock ourselves on colleagues, desks or cupboards. Open plan office can leave people feeling vulnerable so it is important that they personalise their spaces and are not surprised from behind. Staffs rooms are where employees meet discuss work and air grievances and the Feng Shui of these rooms is important if staff is to be positive, though they should not be too comfortable or breaks will be extended.

For enhancing the feel of your work place you could try few important Feng Shui tips:

• Ensure that the entrance is well-maintained, what the staff see as they arrive each day has a strong impact on their mind and work output.

• Avoid waste bins at entrance and keep it clutter-free.

• Shadowy corners and ill-lit passageways will not encourage staff to linger in the evening; keep them well lit.

• Fresh paint work and clean flooring create an air of efficiency and, together with positive images on the walls, suggest to employees that they are valued.

• Boardroom tables are best if they are oval, round tables are useful in brainstorming sessions of the management team.

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Indian Swimmer Srihari Nataraj breaches Olympic 'A' cut

Awaits FINA's confirmation

New Delhi, June 28- Ace Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj yesterday breached the 'A' standard time for the Tokyo Games by clocking 53.77s in the men's 100m backstroke at the Sette Colli Trophy but his participation in the Olympics will be confirmed only if **FINA (Fédération Internationale de Natation)** approves the timing.

Nataraj had come agonisingly close to the breaching the 'A' standard in the same event a couple of days back but missed it by 0.05 second after an effort of 53.90 seconds.

Nataraj's Sunday's effort, which came in a time trial, has created a new national record, which was enough to achieve the 'A' mark for the Tokyo Games set at 53.85 seconds. In time trials, swimmers do not compete against other rivals but they get a chance to better their timing.

The Bengaluru swimmer was allowed a time trial by the organisers on the last day for Olympic qualification.

"Srihari Nataraj swam a 53.77 seconds in the time trial for 100m backstroke achieving the A qualification time for Tokyo 2020. His time achieved in the time trial shall be sent to FINA by the host federation along with the regular meet results," the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) said in a statement.

However, the time needs to be officially approved by FINA, the world body of aquatics.

"It will be for FINA to accept the result from the time trial at an approved qualification event, it is done routinely at many accredited meets; as in the recent case of the US Olympics team trials for the 400m freestyle event. We are very excited with the A cuts achieved by both our swimmers and hoping this result will be considered by FINA for Srihari to join Sajan Prakash as a direct qualification (A cut) entry for Tokyo 2020," SFI Secretary General Monal Chokshi said.

Srihari Nataraj clocked 53.77s in the men's 100m backstroke at the Sette Colli Trophy.

Sajan Prakash created history by becoming the first-ever Indian swimmer to breach the Olympic A standard in the men's 200m butterfly on Saturday.

If Nataraj's time is confirmed, the Tokyo Olympics will mark the first time two Indian swimmers will take part in the Summer Games after achieving a direct qualification.

Sajan Prakash, who created history by becoming the first-ever Indian swimmer to breach the Olympic A standard in the men's 200m butterfly on Saturday, continued his purple patch by clocking 1:49.73 seconds in the 200m men's freestyle event. The 27- year-old bettered 2010 Asian Games bronze medallist Virdhawal Khade's previous mark of 1:49.86 seconds.

Prakash has been on a record-breaking spree recently. This is his third national mark this month. On Saturday, he had clocked a record-breaking 1:56:38 seconds in the men's 200m butterfly event.

With the historic sprint, Prakash rewrote his own national record of 1:56.96s that he had set last week at the Belgrade Trophy swimming competition.

While it will be Nataraj's maiden Olympics, the Tokyo Games will be Prakash's, who set a new national record in the 200m freestyle event, second stint at the quadrennial sporting extravaganza, having represented India in Rio in 2016.

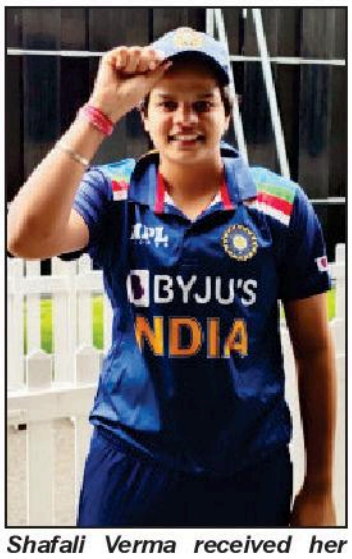
Shafali Verma becomes youngest

Indian Cricketer to play all 3 formats

Bristol, June 28- Shafali Verma yesterday became the youngest Indian cricketer to make their debut across all three formats when India Women took on England Women in the first ODI in Bristol.

While the explosive opener made her T20I debut in 2019 and played her first Test earlier this month against England Women. At 17 years and 150 days, she is the fifth youngest player to make her debut in all three formats of the game, and the third youngest among women.

Afghanistan's Mujeeb Ur Rahman, at 17 years and 78 days, is the youngest cricketer to debut across all formats, followed by former England women's team wicket-keeper Sarah Taylor. Australia Women all-rounder Ellyse Perry is third in the list, followed by Pakistan Mohammad Amir.



Shafali Verma received her first ODI cap from Mithali Raj.

Shafali Verma was handed her cap by ODI captain Mithali Raj ahead of the match in Bristol.

Shafali Verma made 15 off 14 deliveries in her ODI debut, hitting three boundaries before being caught at mid-on. While she fell for a duck in her T20I debut, her Test debut was a phenomenal one, as she became the youngest woman to hit two half-centuries in her first match.

With scores of 96 and 63, she is third in the list of most runs on debut in women's Tests.

In T20Is, she has become a mainstay in the Indian side. In 22 matches, she has scored 617 runs at a strike rate of 148.31, with three half-centuries to her name.

GOOD NEWS: All COVID patients admitted to PKTB Hospital recovered

COVID treatment temporarily stopped; Ready to take on third wave

Mysuru, June 28 (MK&SSV)- This news will definitely bring cheers among Mysureans, who were shocked due to the surge in COVID-19 positive cases and number of deaths in the last three to four months.

The good news is that all COVID positive patients admitted to Princess Krishnajammanni (Sanatorium) Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (PKTB&CD) Hospital on KRS Road, Mysuru, have recovered. In the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, most of the patients suffered from breathlessness and a majority of them were admitted to PKTB Hospital. Now, all of them have returned home after discharge.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) had financially helped the authorities of the century-old hospital to open two Wards specially to treat COVID positive patients. In one month, 240 patients were admitted and all of them have recovered. Now, treatment of COVID patients has been temporarily stopped. However, treatment of people with TB and chest diseases continues.

Dr. M. Jayashekar, Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of PKTB&CD Hospital, told *Star of Mysore*, that when the COVID positive cases reached the peak, MUDA helped in renovation of Women and Children and AMG (Male) Wards into COVID Wards within 20 days. Ten toilets and bathrooms were readied in three weeks. Water-proofing was done to the building terrace to check leakage. Hot water, ceiling fan, pipeline for oxygen supply, repairing of doors and windows and painting was also completed in 20 days. Oxygen supply pipeline was done to 100 beds, treatment for 60 men and 40 female patients was started. Nutritious food was supplied to all patients, he added.

One of the major reasons for all patients to recover is that PKTB&CD Hospital has more number of pulmonary experts who treated patients according to their symptoms. In each shift, eight doctors worked in two Wards all these months. The Hospital has the advantage of having more number of pulmonary experts than other hospitals. "We had prepared well for treatment of patients before the second wave hit. Initially, we had some problems about the medical equipment but later we received it. Patients who required more medical attention, were shifted to ICU in the adjacent Trauma Care Centre," he added.

"Our Hospital is fully prepared to treat patients if third wave of COVID-19 pandemic surfaces. We have the experience of handling patients in the first and the second waves. The recovery of all patients admitted to PKTB Hospital is because of hard work and dedication of our staff. It is possible to defeat the pandemic if people co-operate without moving unnecessarily on the streets.

— Dr. M. Jayashekar, RMO, PKTB Hospital

"We had given Rs.50 lakh for the renovation of two Wards at PKTB and CD Hospital (Sanatorium) for treatment of COVID patients. The works were completed within three weeks. There is no information from Nirmiti Kendra on expenditure incurred on the renovation works. — Dr. D.B. Natesh, MUDA Commissioner

Nurse Brinda bats for better salary for all Corona Warriors

Mysuru, June 28 (YDS&SSV)- "We are risking our lives to treat Corona positive patients, which we don't regret. But the State Government is not paying the salary on par with the Government employees", bemoaned Brinda, a nurse who is working on contract basis at Hunsur General Hospital.

She has been working as a nurse at Hunsur Hospital on contract for the last 12 years and as Corona Warrior since last one year. " There is disparity in salary but we are treated with utmost respect on par with staff nurses. Initially, I was scared to work among the COVID patients but later adjusted to it with the safety measures. We are also like soldiers fighting against invisible enemy. More than treatment, instilling confidence among patients is very important. Most of them get scared once they test positive for Coronavirus. Patients recover fast if we interact with them in Wards. They bless us while returning home and say 'hello' when meet outside. What more satisfaction you want? " Brinda asked.

"Money is also important in life. It is very difficult to run a family with the present salary. I request the Government to recognise our service and hike the salary.

Nurse Brinda

It is not that you cannot drink water once you wear PPE kit. You take it off and drink. But it was not removed keeping in view the safety of children and parents at home. No matter whatever may be the difficulty, PPE kit is removed only after the day's work to have food and water. Officers are very co-operative and they treat us as real warriors, she noted.

Third wave of Coronavirus will not be as severe as second one: ICMR Study

New Delhi, June 28- The third wave of COVID-19 pandemic will not be as severe as the second wave, a study done by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has found.

The study titled 'Plausibility of the third wave of COVID-19 in India: A mathematical modelling based analysis' was published in Indian Journal of Medical Research.

According to a reports, the study demonstrates plausible mechanisms by which a substantial third wave could occur, while also illustrating that it is unlikely for any such resurgence to be as large as the second wave. "Preparedness planning for any potential future wave will benefit by drawing upon the projected numbers based on the present modelling exercise," the study said.

However, the researchers also noted that the projections were subject to uncertainties and scaling up vaccinations is the only way to 'mitigate against any eventuality'.

Meanwhile, ICMR on Saturday said that India has achieved the milestone of conducting 40 crore COVID tests, with the average of more than 18 lakh tests per day in June. India has tested 40,18,11,892 samples across the country till Friday, it said.

The country tested 35 crore COVID-19 samples till June 1, 2021. "This has been enabled by rapidly increasing testing infrastructure and capacity across the country. ICMR has been enhancing COVID-19 testing capability across the country by expanding and diversifying testing capacity by leveraging technology and facilitating innovation in affordable diagnostic kits," the ICMR said in a statement.

Prof. Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR, said exponential increase in testing has led to early identification, prompt isolation and effective treatment of COVID-19 cases. These have eventually resulted in a sustained low fatality rate. "This testing milestone is testimony to the fact that India has been successful in implementing the strategy of 5T approach 'Test, Track, Trace, Treat and use of Technology' efficiently, which will enable us to contain the spread of pandemic," the statement quoted Bhargava.

WORD OF THE DAY

Forswear

Pronunciation: For-SWAIR.
Meaning: To make a liar of (oneself) under or as if under oath; to reject or renounce under oath; to renounce earnestly.
Origin: Forswear (which is also sometimes spelled foreswear) is the modern English equivalent of Old English forswerian. It can suggest denial ("[Thou] would'st forswear thy own hand and seal" — John Arbuthnot, John Bull) or perjury ("Is it the interest of any man ... to lie, forswear himself, indulge hatred, seek desperate revenge, or do murder?" — Charles Dickens, American Notes). But in current use, it most often has to do with giving something up, as in "The feuding parties agreed to forswear violence" and "She refused to forswear her principles."
Example: "The first instance of oath-taking is common in our everyday lives. Most weddings feature a couple forswearing all others, pledging fidelity to each other as long as they live. Witnesses in a courtroom (or Senate and House hearings) place their hands on a Bible and 'swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.'" — William Shaw, The Pilot (Southern Pines, North Carolina), 6 Mar. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Fanfaronade

Grandiose trumpet blast.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Come hell or high water

Meaning: When you say 'Come Hell or High Water' you mean that you are willing to do whatever it takes to overcome difficulty or obstacles.
Origin: The expression 'come hell or high water' originated in America. The first printed reference comes from an Iowa newspaper, The Burlington Weekly Hawk Eye, dated May 1882: "Since that time the best of my friends had become enemies and strangers have become friends. The devil had broke loose in many parts of the country and keeping up with the old saying, we've had unrevised hell and high water and a mighty heap of high water, I tell you."
Example: "I'm going to make it to the dance on Saturday, come hell or high water!"

QUOTE BOX

Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do. **—Voltaire**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GETYOURACT

Answer: Get your act together.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Wild animal related to a dog
5 Not sincere
9 Marry
12 Love, to Livy
13 Bring up
14 Ms Gardner
15 The leaves of this herb are used in stuffing
16 Artificial in manner
18 Shield
20 Equal opportunity employer abbr
21 ___ about : take care or attend to?
22 Port. Atlantic islands
25 Rustic
28 Adversary
29 ___ Arun : playback singer ?
30 Give me _ __ : give me some? (1,3)
31 Commit a faux pas or do something wicked
32 Eat away
33 Automated online program
34 Top ___ : victor or master ?
35 ___ up : enlists in some organization, especially military service?
36 Jewish state
38 In place of
39 Internet Relay Chat, acronym?
40 Fiasco
44 Sample
47 River crossing
48 Roman 504
49 Record
50 Sell (informal)
51 Dubai locale
52 Canal or Lake
53 Counting-out starter

DOWN
1 Stinging insect
2 Persian poet
3 Company emblem
4 Wood-pattern-cutting tool
5 Easy elegance
6 Remaining
7 Our air-force in short
8 Light wind
9 Irrigating
10 Eden denizen
11 Pop
17 Dove sound
19 Snake-like fish
22 Activity on Node, abbr.
23 Flair
24 Adages or proverbs
25 1944 Nobel physicist
26 Alien craft
27 Get back, fetch
28 A pear-shaped fruit
31 Latin sun
32 Long-necked animal
34 Make up one's mind
35 Weep
37 Lob trajectory
38 Sell stolen goods
40 Of Indian or local origin
41 Old King ___ was a merry old soul..
42 Author Hubbard (1,3)
43 Nervous and apprehensive
44 Satellite Data Unit
45 Pak. Intl. Airlines
46 Russian space station

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	S	O	■	P	U	T	■	P	O	L	E
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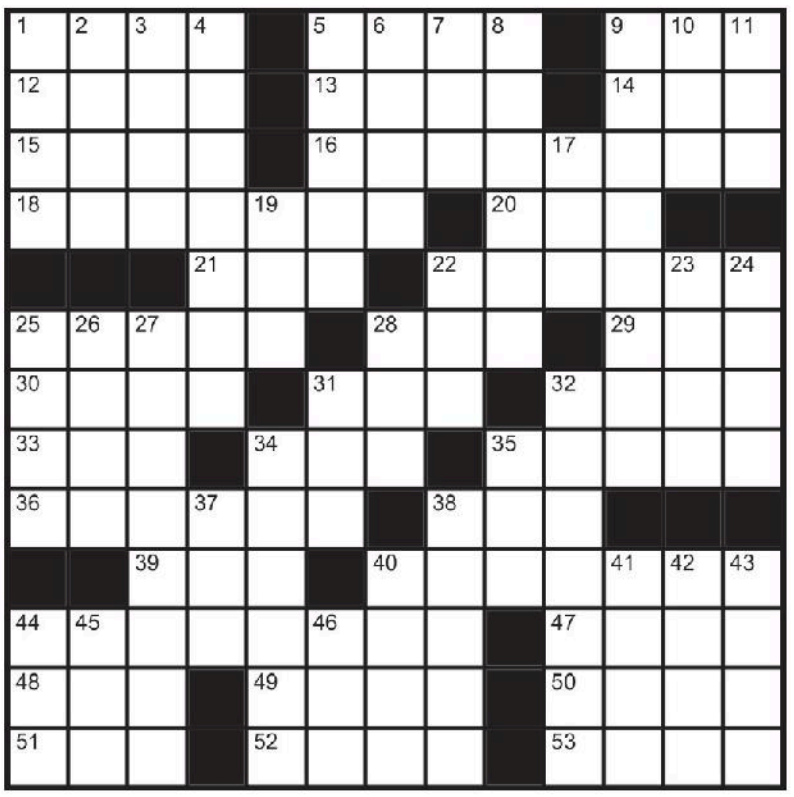

SUDOKU

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6								
4	6						8	
	2			9			5	
	1						4	2
								1
			5	1	9			8
	9	1	6					

Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	1	9	3	4	8	6	5
8	6	3	7	1	5	4	9	2
9	4	5	6	8	2	7	3	1
5	1	8	2	7	9	3	4	6
6	7	9	1	4	3	5	2	8
4	3	2	8	5	6	1	7	9
2	5	7	3	9	8	6	1	4
3	9	4	5	6	1	2	8	7
1	8	6	4	2	7	9	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VTCHCKCJ FIL TCUJ XTC NIHQCHQLQ IA

QNPCHXPQXQ UDJCCQ IH QIYCXTPHD IJ IXTCJ,

JCUNT AIJ FILJ VUOOCX, RCNULQC FIL'JC RCPHD TUZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The sad truth is that excellence makes people nervous.

Flowers Bloom at 'Bapu' Square

Mysuru, June 28 (LNY&BNR)- Mahatma Gandhi, who stands tall at Gandhi Square in city, gets to see himself being adorned with garlands probably only once in a year — on Gandhi Jayanti Day. Now the scene is different, thanks to closure of Devaraja Market, the flower vendors have surrounded the Bapu's Statue at Gandhi Square.

The Statue Square, which otherwise is a venue of protests and witnesses slogan-shouting by the protesters, now reverberates with names of flowers being called out by the vendors to woo the public passing by. From Roses to Jasmine, from Chrysanthemum (Sevantige) to various other hues of flowers add charm to this venue.

The COVID-induced lockdown has changed the lives of many and it's no different for flower vendors. Wholesale flower vendors, who used to sell flowers at Devaraja Market, were forced to leave the Marketplace after it was shut by the MCC to avoid crowding.

Following this the vendors shifted their business to Sayyaji Rao Road. However, they had to pack their loads as the Police evicted them from the roadsides too.

Now, to find a solution for their flower business and also making sure that the COVID norms are in place, these flower vendors have moved their business to Gandhi Square surroundings.

The place, which seems to be ideal as of now sans much vehicular movement as the lockdown is still in place, is proving to be a boon for the flower vendors.

Staff attached to MCC's Mobile RT-PCR Testing vehicle collecting swab sample of a flower vendor at Gandhi Square as a random checking activity this morning.

Mumbai man buys 12 mangoes for Rs. 1.2 lakh!

Helps Jamshedpur girl buy smartphone for online classes

Mumbai, June 28- An 'uncle' from Mumbai helped an 11-year-old girl from Jamshedpur to pursue her dreams of buying a smartphone and attend online classes.

Tulsi Kumari, who sells mangoes by the roadside, was left in shock when a certain Ameya Hete bought 12 mangoes from her worth Rs. 1,20,000, paying Rs. 10,000 for each mango. The money was transferred to her father Srimal Kumar's account on Wednesday.

Hete, the Managing Director, Valuable Edutainment Private Ltd., learnt about the struggles of the young girl who very recently spoke to the local media about the financial crisis that is not allowing her to buy a smartphone and attend classes online. Besides, he has given Kumari a mobile phone worth Rs. 13,000 and Internet recharge throughout the year thus ensuring that there would be no interruption in the education of the girl child.

Kumari, a fifth-grader, attended a Government School that shut down following the Coronavirus pandemic and the ensuing lockdown. After receiving the lumpsum money, Kumari said that she sold mangoes to save money so that she can afford a smartphone, but now

Ameya Hete

Tulsi Kumari

that she has the money, she can now attend classes online and continue her education, according to reports.

Hete, whose organisation facilitates virtual classes said that he didn't quite don a charity by helping Kumari. He stated how she never asked for alms or gave up on her education and that endeavours inspired him to help the young woman in her educational pursuits.

The Coronavirus lockdown has caused a paradigm shift in classes and schooling and most operations have shifted online, deepening the digital divide in India. Last year, a domestic help's son in Chennai was caught stealing a smartphone but later the Police Inspector gifted him one so that he can continue with his online classes.

The 13-year-old student from a Corporation School was compelled to take the step following desperation of attending online classes. His parents reportedly couldn't afford a smartphone as his father works at a biscuit shop and this pushed the school student to embark on theft.

According to the Police, the boy came under the company of two boys from the same impoverished neighbourhood. The duo used the teenager as bait to steal a mobile phone. After seeing him loitering around during school hours, they decided to lure him with the idea of a smartphone so that he no more had to miss out on his online classes. Three of them then managed to steal the mobile phone of a truck driver in Thiruvottiyur and eventually all three of them were caught. However, the story took a turn towards empathy after the Police Inspector S. Bhuvaneshwari heard the boy's need for a smartphone in order to continue with his education.

Sports Minister announces 'Cheer4India' campaign

- Urges people to extend support to Tokyo-bound Indian athletes
- Railway Minister deploys space at 6,000 Railway Stations across the country to set up Olympics Selfie Points

New Delhi, June 28 (UNI)- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday announced a 'Cheer4India' campaign for the Tokyo-bound Indian athletes and urged people to extend their support to the sports persons, who will be competing at the Olympic Games beginning July 23.

Kiren Rijiju

Announcing the campaign virtually, Sports Minister said that over 6,000 selfie points will be set up across the country where people can show their support.

"I have spoken to Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and he immediately deployed space across 6,000 Railway Stations across the country where Olympics Selfie Points have been set up," Rijiju said at a virtual interaction organised by CII-Sportscom Industry Confederation in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

"The Chief Minister of Haryana has also clicked a selfie photograph with the symbol to encourage others to join the campaign and encourage the Tokyo-bound players.

"I wanted the Olympics movement and the importance of Olympics to be understood by everyone, spread across the length and breadth of India. Sports is the biggest soft power of a nation," he added.

The number of Indian athletes participating in the Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games has seen a steady rise in the past three editions.

Over 100 athletes have already made the cut so far and many more are expected to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

The Sports Minister also emphasised on the role that the Government has played along with federations and players in creating a conducive atmosphere for the sports persons to strive for excellence.

Meanwhile, Chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand said the Tokyo-bound Indian athletes are more confident this time around than their compatriots in the past.

'Today I can confidently say that every member of the team is training to be in their best form and possibly win a medal and if they don't have a medal or have good performances, I am sure they are going to be very disappointed," said Gopichand in a release.

Speaking during the interaction, former hockey international MM Somaya said: "We have some of the world's best coaches involved with hockey these days and our boys and girls are in good hands."

The session was also attended by key speakers including Jalaj Dani, President Sportscom Industry Confederation, Deepa Malik, Rio 2016 silver medallist and President of Paralympics Committee of India, Gagan Narang, bronze medallist of London Olympics (2012) and Vivek Singh, Senior Vice President, Sportscom Industry Confederation, and Joint MD of Procam International.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	94.18 feet
Yesterday	:	94.80 feet
Inflow	:	2,728 cusecs
Outflow	:	7,461 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,275.65 feet
Inflow	:	1,639 cusecs
Outflow	:	700 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,840.50 feet
Inflow	:	579 cusecs
Outflow	:	80 cusecs

SAD DEMISE

Passed away at her residence on 26.6.2021

You will always be in our hearts

Smt. M.G. Radhamani

Former Reader, Dpt. of Psychology, Maharani's Arts & Science College, Bengaluru, Mysuru

Grieving family, Mob: **8951097576**

Third Year Remembrance

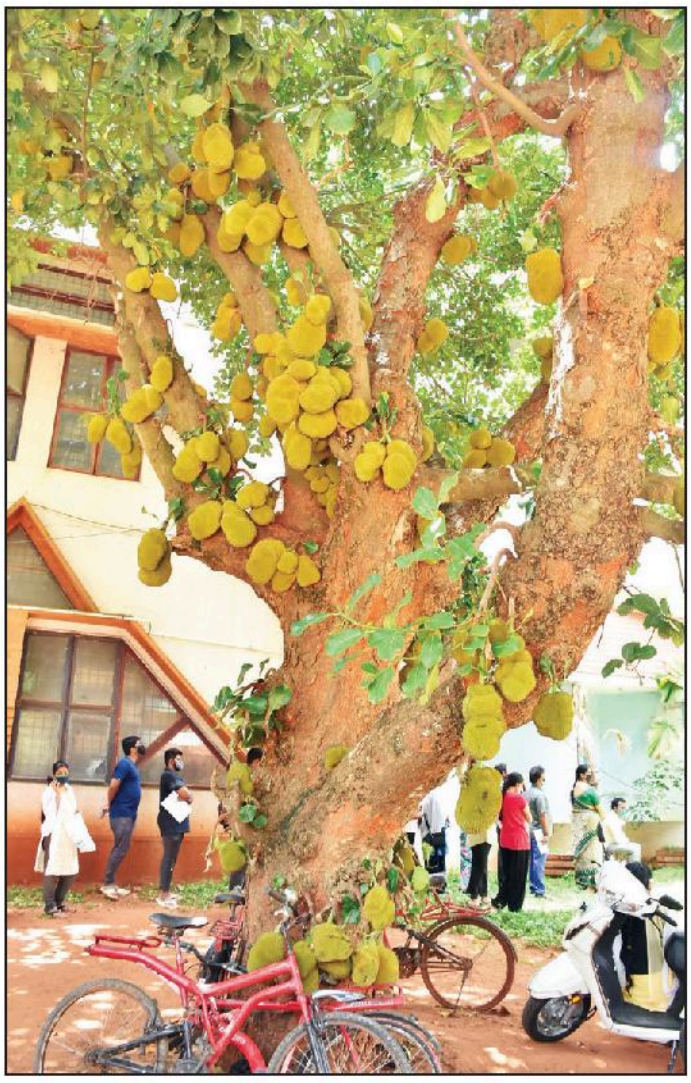
Smt. Vanaja Ramarao

15-09-1934 28-06-2018

You are fondly remembered

- Family and friends

Jack-pot!



Jackfruits usually grow on the extended branches of the tree but this tree in the premises of TTL College in Saraswathipuram has yielded over a hundred jackfruits this season from the bottom of its trunk till the top branches. This attracted the attention of everyone who visited the College on June 24 to take COVID vaccination as part of the special drive organised by MCC.

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